



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Mental Health

At its meeting held April 26, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Mental illness affects one in five Americans every year, and co-occurrence of mental illness and substance abuse is a significant concern that requires integrated mental health treatment. The County of Los Angeles has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents. Mental health is a fundamental component of general health and indispensable to personal well-being, family and interpersonal relationships, and societal interactions.

“The Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission and Department of Mental Health have joined the Board of Supervisors in a focused effort to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness during the month of May 2005. The Department and Commission will cosponsor the Annual Recognition Awards in May. Mental health communities around the County will hold special events in May.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board proclaimed May 2005 as “Mental Health Month” throughout Los Angeles County and encouraged employee participation in celebrating the special events to be held in May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness.

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